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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0072 with the following amended paragraph:

- [0072] FIG. 14 is a perspective and schematic view of an exemplary illustrative non-limiting optical system using a spectral filter.
 - FIG. 14a shows the non-limiting system of FIG. 14 including a conventional photodetector.
 - FIG. 15 shows an example conventional transmission bandpass filter characteristic.
 - FIG. 16 shows an example conventional transmission bandblocking filter characteristic.
 - FIG. 17 shows an example conventional reflection bandpass filter characteristic.
 - FIG. 18 shows an example conventional reflection bandblocking filter characteristic.
- FIG. 19 shows example waveguides having more than one length segment of contiguous modulations along their depth separated by unmodulated segments.
- FIG. 20 shows waveguides with length segments of modulation of different periods and/or structures of modulation.
 - FIG. 21 shows example waveguides having at least one end tapered.